Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks, Dec. 22 — Shortest day of the year was Sunday. The beginning of winter with the coldest weather so far, most zero, it was.

The Ruritans and their wives had a supper at Evergreen last Monday night. Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor were their guests.

Sympathy is extended Rev. Rex Bennett of Appomattox in the death of his mother, Mrs. Eva Stinnette Bennett of Altavista on December 14 at Lynchburg General Hospital.

A large crowd was out for the children's play at Rocks on Wednesday night. Along with the Old Fashioned Christmas presented by "The Little People" of the New Chapel Baptist Church. The program and party was a big success.

Our midweek prayer service will be held on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. This will be the last worship service before Christmas Day.

The Ordination Service was held on Sunday afternoon at Rocks at 2:15 p.m. for the new deacons. The three ordained were: Glenn McIntosh, Spud Almond and Harry E. Ranson. Welcome and purpose given Rev. Taylor charge to the church, Rev. W. H. Elder. Solo: "Rise, Up O Man of God," Mrs. Margaret Haskins Aulden Roach. Ordination sermon by Rev. A. M. Taylor. Ordination Prayer, by Lloyd Richardson, laying on of hands by ordained men.

This service closed with right hand of fellowship and promise of prayer. No evening service held. At 5p.m. a number left to go caroling.

The Fellowship Class had their Christmas Party on Saturday night.

The last Sunday in December a reception in the new fellowship hall, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore's 60th wedding anniversary will be held from 2 to 5 p.m.

The honor guest request no gifts. A short vesper service at 5 p.m. will conclude the celebration.

Sorry to hear of the death of Lou Rogers at her home in Appomattox on Thursday. Sympathy is extended her relatives and friends. A large crowd attended the funeral on Saturday afternoon at Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox.

Randy Hipps arrived Friday from Blacksburg to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hipps, Kim and Todd of Pamplin.

The faithful workers Sunday School class had their business meeting and Christmas party at the church on Thursday afternoon. They had dinner and exchanged gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Almond and daughters of Monterey are visiting here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin attended a Maxey funeral at Scottsville on Sunday. This was a close relative of Mrs. Martin. Sympathy is extended these families.

Schools closed on Friday for Christmas and New Year.

As Christmas is getting closer by, everyone is busy Christmas shopping for gifts.

Cassie Baldwin received word Friday that Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson of Dallas, Texas are ill. He has had open heart surgery and she is not well. May they have a speedy recovery.

A number from here attended the Cantanta at Evergreen Baptist Church Sunday night.

Galilee news

All officers and members are asked to attend the annual church meeting on Saturday, Jan. 3, 1981 at 7 p.m. The annual program of work will be presented along with the budget for the year.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. A large number of visitors were present. Beautiful music was rendered by the church choirs. Rev. Davis delivered a special Christmas message. All present enjoyed the service.

An appreciative crowd attended the annual Christmas program sponsored by the Sunday school last Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at Promise Land Church.

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral service for the late Mrs. Margaret Haskins O'Jon of New York City at the Springfield Baptist Church Sunday at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Kelso officiated and delivered the eulogy. The Community Funeral Home of Lynchburg was in charge of arrangements. Burial was held in the family plat of the church cemetery.

The general public is invited to worship at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Jacqueline Poteat and family spent the week end here with her parents. Her daughter, April, accompanied her back to Baltimore for Christmas.

Mr. John Louis Robinson, of Baltimore, spent the week end with his mother and sister, Mrs. Bessie Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy Pattrick.

Mrs. Lola Stevens is on the sick list. We hope for her a fast recovery.

Sister Georgia Fleshman's home was nearly destroyed by fire early Saturday morning.

Hollywood news

By MARY BAGBY

Christ so loved, that, he came to a manager.
And she brought forth her first born son, and laid him in a manager (Luke 2:7)

Our hearts were saddened when word came Thursday morning that Mrs. Lou Rogers had passed away. Deepest sympathy is extended her love ones.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr. spent several days last week in Waynesboro.

Mrs. Claude Hamlett visited her mother, Mrs. Virgie Beasley Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond were visitors Monday night of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson Sr.

Mrs. Madeline Inge was a visitor Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Covington.

Visiting Mr. H. W. Jenkins Wednesday were Mr. Monroe Webb, Mr. Walker Webb and Mr. Richard Webb.

Visitors last week of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb and family were Mr. Terry Brennen and son, Toby and Mr. Mac Coleman. Monroe visited Walker Webb Tuesday.

Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Mrs. Emma Lennon, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence and Mrs. J. L. Torrence visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman last week.

We are glad to hear Mr. J. L. Torrence Jr. of Richmond who was recently operated on is still a patient in the hospital but is improving nicely. We pray he may soon be feeling better.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turns met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville for their annual Christmas celebration.

Among those calling in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby were Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schampel, Mrs. Monroe Webb, Mrs. James Mawyer and son, Benjie, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Mrs. Emma Lennon, Jr., R. G. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond, Jodie Kendricks and Mr. James Woodall.

May the wander and magic of Christmas fill each heart and home with joy and may the Christmas spirit bring on earth peace and brotherhood to all are the wishes of this writer to the Times-Virginian, its staff and all its readers.

May the glory of Christmas the promise it holds brighten each of our lives as each new day unfolds.

Oakville news

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Marshall had as their Christmas family dinner guests Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jordan, Mrs. Lucy Alice Jordan, Phenix, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nash, Gladys, Va., Mr. and Mrs. John E. Marshall, Mrs. Mary Newcomb, Mrs. Arlene Sandifier, Miss Emma Johnston, Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore visited in the afternoon.

Mrs. Alise Drinkard expects to return home Monday.

Mrs. Earl Wilkerson continues ill in the Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Gladys Taylor of Kingsport spent several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hunter last week. She also attended the family covered dish dinner at Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Smith last Sunday. Others attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Mrs. Helen Bussey, and Mrs. A. A. Hunter.

Bennett receives degree

Barry Stephen Bennett of Appomattox was one of 334 persons to receive college degrees in the first-ever fall convocation at East Tennessee State University recently.

He received a BS degree in Psychology.

Dr. Roy S. Hicks, chancellor of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee, was the commencement speaker.

Prior to the convocation, a breakfast was held for parents and graduates in the D. P. Culp University Center ballroom, hosted by ETSU President and Mr. Ronald E. Beller.

Letter to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is David. I am 5 years old. I live in Appomattox. I have a brother named Daniel and he is 2 years old.

Mama says we are good most of the time. Please bring us a nice surprise for Christmas. Daniel says he wants toys and balls.

I like to fish and play baseball. I would like to have a train too.

Also, Santa please don't forget my dog, Brownie. He needs a leash.

Santa Calus, I love you!

Love,
David and Daniel

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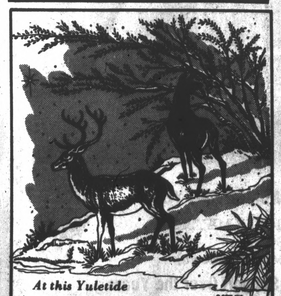
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Farm exports to climb

1981 Farm Exports could reach $48.5 billion

The U. S. Department of Agriculture expects farm exports to jump from last year's $40.5 billion to a record-high $48.5 billion in fiscal year 1981, resulting in the 12 consecutive year of record export values.

The volume of farm exports is also climbing and forecast at a record 170 million tons, up from 164 million tons last year.

Agriculture officials say export value and volume this year will be shaped primarily by the drought-reduced feed grain, oilseed and cotton harvest, the reduced wheat production and export prospects in Australia and Argentina, and a second consecutive year of poor grain crops in the Soviet Union.

According to the report, feed grain shipments could increase about 3 million tons to 74 million, while wheat shipments could rise 4 million tons to more than 41 million. Small gains are forecast for rice exports. However, export volume may decline for soybeans, cotton, tobacco and vegetable oils.

"Higher prices will likely account for four-fifths of the increase in farm export value this year, with volume increasing about 4 percent." The USDA outlook for exports report stated. Although foreign grain production is up somewhat this year, the 12 percent drop in the U. S. grain harvest–in the face of record export demand–has driven up export grain prices. Wheat prices are expected to be 5 to 10 percent higher than in fiscal year 1980, while corn, sorghum, and soybean prices are projected up about a third.

Agricultural imports are expected to increase by over $1 billion to $18.5 billion in fiscal 1981, leaving the agricultural trade surplus at $30 billion – $7 billion larger than in fiscal 1980.

Emergency Feed Program

December 31 is the final date to sign up in the Emergency Feed Program. The objective of the program is to provide assistance to eligible livestock owners who have lost more than 40 percent of their livestock feed and will be buying feed in quantities larger than normal, due to this summers drought.

The amount of assistance is 50 percent of the cost of feed not to exceed 3 cents per pound of feed grain equivalent.

The amount of eligible feed is based on normal production, this years loss, the amount of feed on hand and the number of livestock.

Agricultural Conservation Program [ACP]

Applications are still being taken under the A.C.P. for cost-share assistance on conservation work to be completed in 1981. The objective of the program is to help conserve natural resources and to improve our water quality. Practices available are:

Permanent vegetative cover establishment
Permanent vegetative cover improvement
Strip cropping
Diversions
Terraces
Grazing land protection
Permanent vegetative cover on critical areas
Sod waterways
Animal waste control facilities
Forest tree stand planting
Forest tree stand improvement

The cost-share rates are based on 50 to 75 percent of the average cost.

Soil samples or the results of a recent sample must be submitted for establishment or improvement of permanent vegetative cover.

Applications must be approved before the practice is started to be eligible for cost-share.

PICTURED ABOVE IS MRS. WHATELY'S homebase who welcomed Santa's visit on the last day before Christmas holidays. The students were surprised to discover later that Mrs. Edith McCormick, teacher aide at AMS, was "Santa".

Plant Gifts

A number of year-round flowering plants can supplement your traditional gifts of poinsettias. Most popular favorites include claypotted chrysanthemums, miniature roses, azaleas, African violets or perhaps a lovely cyclamen or anthurium plant.

DMV closes

All Division of Motor Vehicle offices and driver's testing stations will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, and Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2, in observance of Christmas and New Year.

Otherwise, DMV offices are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 8:30 to 4:30, and Thursday from 10:00 to 6:00. Driver testing stations will be open according to their regular schedules except for December 25, 26 and January 1 and 2.

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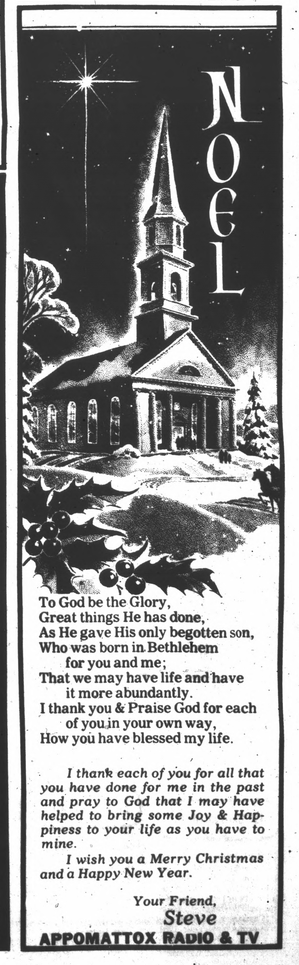
Jordan Baptist news

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." St. Luke 2:11

Regular preaching services will be held Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The Jordan Baptist Sunday School would like to thank everybody who gave a donation toward the gift certificate that was given away. Ms. Carolyn Martin of Rustburg was the lucky winner of the $50.00 Gift Certificate from King's Market.

We trust and hope that the true joy and peace of this holiday season will be in everyone's heart this season.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Great things He has done,
As He gave His only begotten son,
Who was born in Bethlehem
for you and me;
That we may have life and have
it more abundantly.
I thank you & Praise God for each
of you in your own way,
How you have blessed my life.
I thank each of you for all that you have done for me in the past and pray to God that I may have helped to bring some Joy & Happiness to your life as you have to mine.
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
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